



## June 2019 Update North Park

### In Your Neighbourhood

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#### Bus Shelter Art

Downtown bus shelters are showcasing new artworks by local, emerging artists in the City's Commute exhibit. The selected artists were chosen by a jury made up of persons identifying as Indigenous or multicultural. The chosen artworks were created by an artist with a disability, an artist who was recently without a home, Indigenous artists and artists of colour. The six artists include Aviv Talya Dekel, Sarah Jim, Andrea Fritz, Neil McClelland, Anup Singh and Joshua Ngenda. The artworks will change every four months and run until May 2020.

#### Summer Banners

Local Coast Salish artist Dylan Thomas has designed the City's summer banners this year. The series of four City designs depicts traditional stories about the Lekwungen People. "As a person with Lekwungen (Songhees) heritage, who was born and raised in Victoria, I feel a profound connection to this area in its modern, historical and pre-historical contexts, all of which I've tried to capture in my banner designs," said Dylan Thomas. "For these banners, I've symbolized some of the lesser-known aspects of this territory's history and mythology." They will be up on downtown lampposts until the end of October.

#### Victoria's Canada Day

Join us on Monday, July 1 at *Victoria's Canada Day*, a free family-friendly, multicultural celebration at Victoria's Inner Harbour that will culminate in spectacular fireworks. [www.canadayvictoria.ca](http://www.canadayvictoria.ca).

#### Property Tax Deadline

Property taxes are due on Tuesday, July 2. As of July 3, a 10% penalty will be applied to all outstanding current year taxes and/or unclaimed Home Owner Grants. There are [a number of convenient ways to pay your taxes](#) including:

- Online through your financial institution
- Credit card
- By mail
- In person
- After hours drop off box
- Preauthorized Payments

Thinking ahead to next year's taxes, you may wish to enroll in the monthly automatic pre-payment program. This program allows you to pay on a monthly basis instead of one lump sum, making budgeting easier and helping you avoid the risk of a 10% penalty. [Learn more about preauthorized payments.](#)

#### Neighbourhood Grants

At their June 20 committee meeting, Council will consider a staff [report](#) recommending approval of Great Neighbourhood Grants. There were no applications from the North Park neighbourhood during this intake. Since the grant programs inception in 2016, North Park has received 5 grants for a total of \$12,200 or almost 4% of all funds awarded.

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### CityVibe Festivals and Events Guide

The city's annual guide to festivals and outdoor events showcases close to 40 festivals and outdoor events downtown and over 100 free outdoor music concerts and activities at Centennial Square and the Stage in Beacon Hill Park. You'll also find listings for public markets, museums and art galleries. Look for *CityVibe* at your local library, recreation, community or seniors centre, at the Destination Greater Victoria Visitor Centre and at Victoria City Hall. You can also view the guide online at [victoria.ca/cityvibe](http://victoria.ca/cityvibe).



### Growing in the City

On June 6, Council received a [progress update](#) on Growing in the City (GITC) Programs. Since 2016, the City has increased its resources and implemented several actions to assist community-led food systems projects. These include introducing new granting streams, hiring a Food Systems Coordinator and providing in-kind support to community gardens. In consultation with community groups improvements were recommended and approved by Council. These include:

- Expanding City grant eligibility
- Piloting a City-built allotment garden
- Piloting City-sponsored distribution of gardening materials
- Investigation of the re-introduction of the “Sharing Backyards” program
- Supporting access to agricultural water rates
- Establishing food system targets and outcomes

### Equity and Crystal Pool

At their June 6 committee meeting, Council received a presentation from the North Park Neighbourhood regarding the application of equity and affordability analyses in consideration of a future Crystal Pool Facility. Councillors sponsoring the presentation stated at a previous meeting that Strategic Plan objectives support this direction and proposed measures to instill an equity and affordability lens into broader City decision-making. Council deferred a full discussion on their thoughts on the presentation to their [June 13 meeting](#).

On June 13 Council resolved directed staff to develop a plan to revisit the objectives, scope and schedule of activities for the Crystal Pool project that aligns with the new Strategic Plan, including application of the evaluative tools described below, for Council consideration:

- Ensure no net loss of green space in the neighbouring area.
- Apply an equity lens to siting, design, amenity selection, engagement, procurement, and evaluation, to inform decisions about and investment in community
- Apply an affordability lens to assess total cost of ownership, siting, amenity selection, operating costs, costs to taxpayers and users
- Invite potential partners and neighbourhood representatives to collaborate to align and help achieve these equity, accessibility and affordability objectives



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- Embed distributional, procedural, structural and inter-generational equity into the City's corporate policies guiding hiring, staff training and professional development, procurement and civic engagement
- Report back to Council on potential locations in the North Park and Hillside / Quadra neighbourhoods, and
- Direct the City Manager to imbed these principles in the city's emerging equity policies.

### Horse Carriages Downtown

Council recently discussed a [report](#) and resolutions presented by Councillor Isitt proposing that a schedule for phasing out horse carriages by 2023 be developed. As an alternative, investigation of opportunities for "e-carriages" was suggested.

Council decided to bring the prospective motions below back to Council for discussion after hearing from a delegation from the BCSPCA presents to Council at a future Council meeting.

The deferred motions were:

1. That Council amends the Strategic Plan 2019-2022 to include the new 2020 action: "Develop regulations to phase out commercial horse-drawn carriage operations on city streets by 2023, providing adequate notice to operators, employees and members of the public."
2. The Council encourages collaboration between industry, the City and provincial regulators to pursue innovation in electric-powered vehicles for hire, to provide ongoing and enhanced opportunities for experiential tourism, employment and economic development.
3. That Council refers the recommendations in the letter received by Council on May 28, 2018 and July 25, 2018, to staff to inform revisions to regulations and policies between now and 2023.

### Inclusionary Housing Policy

At their June 13 committee meeting, Council considered a [staff report](#) recommending adoption of the Inclusionary Housing Policy and a request for Council determination of:

1. The project size threshold at 40 or 60 units
2. The proportion of cash-in-lieu CACs allocated to municipal reserve funds that support:
  - a. Affordable housing at: 70% or 50%
  - b. Local amenities at: 30% or 50%

Outcomes were not available at the time of this update.

### Plaza Hotel Demolition

At their June 13 committee meeting, Council approved a staff [report](#) recommending elements of the Plaza Hotel to be retained as a condition to the owner's demolition permit.

### Summer Camps

Another summer of fun and adventure is planned for kids and teens! Find out about the many types, times and locations of summer camps offered through Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre. Included this year are

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kayaking, sailing, horseback riding, computers, farming, robotics, soccer and even surfing. Click [here](#) for the camp flyer.

### **Council Meetings**

Committee of the Whole meets on June [6](#), [13](#), [20](#) and 27 at 9am. Council meets on June 13 and 27 beginning at 6:30pm. Residents can watch recordings of the meetings [here](#).

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